

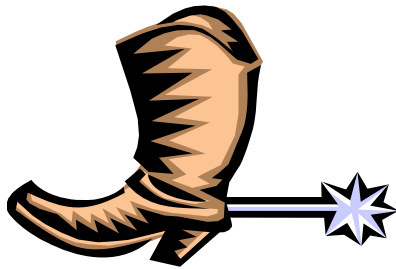
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USA Classic Tournament



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2007 Vikings Head to Tennessee for National Tournament

Memphis, TN

For the past two years, the Vikings improved on their accomplishments and eventually captured the 2006 league title for the first time in ten years. Although this was a nice accomplishment, the Vikings have been ousted two straight years in the second round of the Section I baseball tournament.

Each and every year, the Vikings have prided themselves on playing the best available talent. Although the level of competition has improved their level of play, it still has not brought the Vikings to a sectional title. With this in mind, the 2007 Vikings are not only preparing themselves with a very competitive schedule and a their second annual Northeast Elite Tournament, but they have added

an additional National Tournament to their schedule.

On April 4th, the 2007 Vikings will take-off for Memphis, Tennessee to compete in a well recognized national tournament. Between April 4th and 7th, the Vikings will play four games in the 14th annual - USA Classic against teams from Tennessee, Florida, Kentucky, Indiana, Georgia, and Utah. Not only will the Vikings compete against teams from down south, but teams that are national powerhouses year after year.

With 16 teams in the USA classic, host Christian Brothers High School has only recruited the best talent in the area, adding numerous teams with a strong baseball tradition and State Championships to show. This year, at least eight

teams have won their state
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2007 Northeast Elite Tournament Brings in the Area's Best Talent

West Nyack, NY

On May 4th, 5th, & 6th, the Clarkstown South Vikings will be hosting its second annual Thomas DePatto Northeast Elite Baseball Tournament. With six teams in last year's tournament winning a league or state championship, it will be very hard to top the competition level this year. But due to such great success, the Thomas DePatto Northeast Elite Tournament has already made a name for itself and has increased the level of play once again.

With this year's tournament teams finalized by early November, the

Vikings were able to maintain the level of competition for 2007. Since this year's tournament was formed in early September, there was greater flexibility amongst other teams allowing some of the areas best teams to join in 2007. This year, the Vikings were able to add four new teams with very impressive baseball histories.

New to the tournament this year are the **Mac Arthur Generals** from Levittown, New York. Last year, the Generals captured the 2006 League Champions and posted a 16-5 record. Unfortunately, one of the five losses came to the Northeast Elite Champion and NYS AA Champion, Massapequa

Chiefs in the Long Island County Finals. Although they lost a nail biter in the County Finals to the eventual NYS Champions, they were ranked 8th in the state. The Generals are not new to winning as they have a combined record of 92 - 24 over the past five seasons. More importantly, they are getting ready to make a strong run for the Northeast Elite and NYS championship in 2007 as they return eight starters from last year's talented team.

This year, the Vikings were able to recruit across the NY/NJ border as the **Saint Joseph Regionals** from Montvale. New

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championship or have reached the quarterfinals or higher. Not only is **Christian Brothers High School** the host, but a traditionally rich program as they have won the Tennessee state championships and have had 26 state appearances.

In addition to playing in the best high school competition, the Vikings will be able to compete in front of scouts from the nation's top college programs. In addition to this event being a college recruiter's, almost every league team had a representative check in for the games at last year's



Host Christian Brothers HS was ranked 14th in the Nation in June

tournament.

During the Vikings stay in Memphis, they will also have the opportunity to play at two nationally ranked complexes. This sixteen day tournament will be played at either the Millington stadium in Millington, TN, or at the same field, Christian Brothers High School in Memphis, TN. The USA Softball Complex and complex has been the training site for the U.S. National Softball team. It currently has the most impressive playing surfaces and amenities available for a non-professional facility. As for the host's home field, it has recently been the

recipient of the Baseball Coaches Association's 2002 National Field of the Year Award.

As the 2007 Vikings prepare for the USA Classic, it will not only be an experience that every player will remember for a lifetime, but is hopefully what this year's team needs to put them ahead in the Section.

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New Jersey join the tournament for the first time. Last year, the Regionals posted a 21-8 mark and a second place finish in the 2006 NJIL. This year, the Regionals look forward to bringing their rich baseball history and seven returning starters to the tournament. For the past five years, they have posted an impressive 120-23 mark. In addition to this impressive record, they have posted a ranking in the State of New Jersey in 2005 (#8) and 2004 (#1).

Another Catholic school looking to capture this year's title are the **Moore Catholic Mavericks** from Staten Island, New York. For the past six years, the Mavericks have been a program to be reckoned with as they have posted four Division Championships in this short period. In addition to these division championships, they have won the 2005 NYS championship and in 2006, they finished in second place in the CHSAA Premier. The Mavericks, like many other tournament teams, bring eight returning starters to the tournament as they too will pile on wins to their already impressive 71-12 record over the past five years.

The last newcomer to this year's tournament is a team who receives national recognition year after year. The **Tottenville Pirates** from Staten Island, New York have posted several national rankings over the years and has posted a 168-18 record over the past five years. Last year, the Pirates fell short in the state semi-finals but was still able to post an impressive 35-4 record. With recent PSAL city championships in 2003 & 2005, the Pirates are ready to make another

run for the city championship as they return seven starters to their already talented club.

Returning for the second straight year are the Massapequa Chiefs, George Washington Trojans, and DeWitt Clinton Governors.

Although this year's tournament looks even more challenging, there is no doubt that the **Massapequa Chiefs** from Massapequa will be the tournament favorite to win. The 2006 New York State AA Champions will once again have the chance to defend their Northeast championship and continue their consecutive winning streak. Not only have the Chiefs posted a 31-0 record this season, they are currently ranked 14th in the nation.

Another returnee are the **George Washington Trojans** from York, New York. The Trojans are familiar with this level of competition as they have reached the NYC playoffs for the last 23 years. Of the 23 years they have competed in the semi-finals, they were better for eleven times. Last year was different for the Trojans (43-6) as they reached the New York City PSAL Championships and lost to James Monroe for the city championship. More impressive than their post season appearances is their 206-19 record over the past five seasons. This year, the Trojans have recently been ranked 19th in the nation by the Collegiate News. Not only do they bring seven starters from last year's team but they are fully armed with three pitchers that can throw

90+.

Also from New York City and a second year returnee are the **DeWitt Clinton Governors** from the Bronx, New York. Last season, the Governors posted an impressive 35-10 record and a second place finish behind the NYC champion. With five players returning, including a Major League prospect/draftee behind the plate, the Governors are ready to make a statement in this year's tournament.



Last years tournament featured two players drafted by MLB in the 8th round and three HS

players. Additionally, are the host **Vikings** with a seven juniors and two seniors from last year's team. With a first league championship under their belt, the Vikings are ready to go to battle. Last year's second place finish to add to their Northeast Elite Tournament record behind them, this year's winning team looks forward to what challenges the Northeast Tournament will bring.

For more tournament information and game highlights Visit:

www.baseballsouth.com

Northeast Elite Tournament Brings South H.S. Recognition

Vikings Yearly Tough Schedule Attracts College Recruiters

West Nyack, NY

The 2006 Northeast Elite Tournament not only featured two major league draftees and three All-Americans, it also featured a wealth of talent from all over the area. With so much talent in one area, this three-day event has become a great opportunity for scouts to see players from a variety of locations. Not only has this tournament featured several top prospects, but it has become an opportunity for many players to get seen by local colleges. As a result of

last year's tournament, many players from the eight teams are now playing at a college they had no contact with prior to their involvement with the tournament.

Since the tournament's inaugural season, the Vikings are anticipating an increase from the 50 plus recruiters last season. As many South players have started the college search process themselves, many are finding that college recruiters are already familiar with this very young Northeast Elite tournament and are looking forward to the recruiting opportunity in 2007. According to one South player, he has made contact with seven college coaches and of the seven, five have heard of the tournament and plan on attending this season.

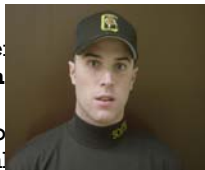
In addition to this showcase opportunity, the very competitive

schedule that the Vikings play each year has helped the South players in the recruiting process. Whereas some teams face a less challenging schedule, it becomes hard for college recruits to judge how successful their prospect will perform at the next level. As for the South player, their statistics are a more accurate gauge on how they will perform at the next level. Their experiences against some of the top prospects in the nation have not only improved them as a player but have prepared them for the next level. Although playing college baseball is a jump for any high school player, the South player is well equipped to take on these challenges due to the high level of competition they encounter each season as a varsity player.

New Freshmen Coach Joins the Viking Coaching Staff

West Nyack, NY

Although Clarkstown Central School District has just hired **Brian Kiernan** as the new freshmen baseball coach for the 2007 season, he is not new to the South baseball program. With the departure of last year's junior varsity coach, **Doug Pritts** has been newly appointed the junior varsity level and last year's junior varsity assistant, **Brian Kiernan** will now take the helm as the head coach for the freshmen team in 2007.



Brian Kiernan - New Freshmen Baseball Coach

Coach Kiernan is not only familiar with the Rockland area growing up in Pearl River and played for three years of varsity baseball at Pearl River High School. Coach Kiernan attended SUNY Cortland where he majored in History and Education. After graduation he quickly landed a job in Pearl River where he is now teaching Global and US history.

Coach Kiernan is not only a

gifted teacher but a dedicated coach. After one year in the South program, he has quickly developed a positive relationship with the players and has already spent numerous hours at various baseball clinics. Coach Kiernan was not only a big help last year but he is a positive addition to the 2007 season.

Welcome aboard Coach!

Vikings Continue Their Success Over the Summer

Darsee Named to Pre-season All-American Team

because of its ambitious playing schedule and the Northeast Elite Tournament, but also because some of its players have begun to receive national attention. For example, several members of the South Baseball team have played one or more seasons for the Bayside Yankees, one of the top-ranked traveling baseball teams in the country.

Other players in the South program battled through local, regional and district competitions to capture the Senior Little League New York State championship.

One of South's returning players was recently selected by Baseball America and Team C pre-season All American. Sean joined 179 other top-ranked players from around the country for a ceremony and 5-game tournament in Tucson Arizona the weekend of February 12-14. All of the 180 school boys selected for this honor have



West Nyack Senior LL. Captured the 2006 NYS Championship Managed by Kevin Grogan

either committed to a major Division I baseball program or are weighing offers from several different programs. Sean, a right-hand pitcher and outfielder, is currently considering offers from James Madison University in Virginia, Coastal Carolina in South Carolina and Iona College in New York.

Clarkstown South Baseball Alumni Center

Alumni - Own a Seat for Life at Thomas DePatto Field

West Nyack, NY

In 2007, the South baseball program will be kicking off a new fundraiser in order to construct a professional grandstand behind homeplate. Although this project will take time in its development, it will be an opportunity for every former player to be

recognized at Thomas DePatto Field.

As the construction of this project begins, newly renovated seats from professional arenas will be installed with the sponsors/alumni name on each individual seat. Once enough seats are donated, construction of this massive grandstand will begin.



As the coaching staff and the South Baseball Association begin preliminary fundraising efforts, more information will follow as to the greater details of this project. As this project begins, updates will be given on the Clarkstown South baseball website: www.baseballsouth.com.

Not only will alumni always be a part of the South baseball family, this is an opportunity to have your name posted at Thomas DePatto Baseball field forever.



2007 Varsity Schedule

Month	Date	Opponent	Site	Time	
March	Saturday	24 (scrim) Grand St.Campus	Grand Street	11:00	
	Monday	26 (scrim) Saint Joseph's	Saint Joseph's	3:30	
	Tuesday	27 (scrim) Pinebush	Pinebush	3:30	
	Wednesday	28 (scrim) Minisink Valley	Clarkstown South	4:00	
	Thursday	29 (scrim) Cornwall	Clarkstown South	4:00	
	Friday	30 (scrim) Nanuet	Clarkstown South	3:30	
	Saturday	31 (scrim) W.T. Clarke, LI	W.T. Clarke, LI	12:00	
April	Wednesday	4 USA Classic: ECS	Memphis, Tenn.	4:15	
	Thursday	5 USA Classic: T.B.D.	Memphis, Tenn.	T.B.D.	
	Friday	6 USA Classic: T.B.D.	Memphis, Tenn.	T.B.D.	
	Saturday	7 USA Classic: T.B.D.	Memphis, Tenn.	T.B.D.	
	Wednesday	11 Scarsdale	Clarkstown South	4:30	
	Friday	13 Lincoln	Lincoln	4:30	
	Tuesday	17 RC Ketcham	Clarkstown South	4:30	
	Wednesday	18 North Rockland	Clarkstown South	4:30	
	Friday	20 Carmel	Carmel	4:30	
	Monday	23 Suffern	Suffern	4:30	
	Wednesday	25 East Ramapo	Clarkstown South	4:30	
	Monday	30 Clarkstown North	Clarkstown North	4:15	
	May	Wednesday	2 North Rockland	North Rockland	4:30
Friday		4 Tournament: Tottenville	Clarkstown South	7:15	
Saturday		5 Tournament: T.B.D.	Clarkstown South	T.B.D.	
Sunday		6 Tournament: T.B.D.	Clarkstown South	T.B.D.	
Monday		7 North Rockland	Clarkstown South	4:30	
Wednesday		9 Suffern	Clarkstown South	4:30	
Friday		11 Suffern	Suffern	4:30	
Saturday		12 Oceanside	Clarkstown South	12:00	
Tuesday		15 East Ramapo	East Ramapo	4:30	
Thursday		17 East Ramapo	Clarkstown South	4:30	
Friday		18 Clarkstown North	Clarkstown South	7:00	
Monday		21 Clarkstown North	Clarkstown North	4:15	
		Saturday	26 Sectionals	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
		Monday	28 Sectionals: Quarter Finals	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
		Sectionals: Semi Finals	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	
		Sectionals: Finals	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	
June	Friday	1 Alumni Game	Clarkstown South	7:00	
	Saturday	2 Alumni Game (Rainout Date)	Clarkstown South	7:00	



ATTENTION ALUMNI !!!

2007 Alumni Game

Under the Lights

Friday - June 1st
7:00 PM

Batting Practice - 5:30

Rainout Date:

Saturday - June 2nd
7:00 PM



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